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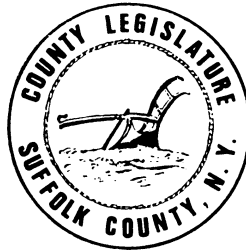
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## **New Challenges – New Solutions** **Legislator D'Amaro Thanks Volunteers** **At Annual SeniorNet Meeting**



*Legislator D'Amaro joins SeniorNet volunteers and leaders at the annual meeting*

(HUNTINGTON, NY... November 21, 2011) – For 12 years, SeniorNet at Family Service League (FSL) Long Island, the not-for-profit all-volunteer organization based in Huntington, has been successfully teaching local seniors how to learn and master computer skills. In appreciation of all that they do for the community, Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) joined

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the volunteers of SeniorNet at their annual meeting, themed “New Challenges-New Solutions” and held at the Huntington Cinema Arts Centre.

D'Amaro congratulated the organization for receiving the National SeniorNet Chairman's Award for Excellence for the third consecutive year. Co-Coordinator Slava Vero and Bill Baker recently travelled to Washington D.C. to accept the award from The Honorable Kathy Greenlee, Assistant Secretary of Aging, and SeniorNet National Chair Leslie M. Smith.

The international SeniorNet organization was founded in 1986. It is one of the world's largest training organizations for adults 50 and over with more than 130 chapters. SeniorNet's mission is to provide seniors with education in, and access to, computer technology and programs.

SeniorNet established its first learning center on Long Island at the Huntington FSL in 1999. In 2009, Suffolk County SeniorNet opened a second center in East Yaphank. The organization also provides computer skills instruction to home-bound seniors and established a Mobile Learning Center (MLC) this past year to provide classes at off-site locations. One of its newest programs is “Computer Essentials Lite” which is a series of 8 one-session workshops with no prerequisites, designed to teach basic life-essential computer skills to those with little or no technological experience.

SeniorNet at FSL has been the distinguished recipient of numerous other honors over the past several years including the Exemplary Learning Center and Best Practices & Ideas Awards. The awards are given out annually by the SeniorNet Board of Directors to chapters that have excelled in developing and presenting classes, increasing volunteer staff, increasing membership and implementing best practices and policies.

“SeniorNet at Family Service League is one of the leading learning centers in the country,” said Legislator D'Amaro. “The leadership team and dozens of volunteers impressively work together and provide invaluable services to Seniors throughout the County. The organization is truly deserving of the honors it has received and I look forward to continuing to watch SeniorNet grow and meet the future needs of our community.”

For more information on SeniorNet classes, which are offered at little or no cost, contact SeniorNet at 631-427-3700 ext. 268 or ext. 235, or via email at [snoffice@fsl-li.org](mailto:snoffice@fsl-li.org). Or, visit their website at [www.seniornetli.org](http://www.seniornetli.org).